AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT TRANSIT SERVICE TO MEET THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

CHAPTER 534

(Senate Bill 1015)

AN ACT concerning

Unauthorized Duplication of Sound Recordings

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the unauthorized duplication, sale, distribution of sound recordings, and the unauthorized recording of live performances, before an audience or transmitted by any means; exempting certain persons; providing for the forfeiture and destruction of certain articles; and generally relating to the unauthorized copying, recording and sale of sound recordings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments Section 467A Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

467A-

- (a) Unless [exempt under subsection (c),] OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, it is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or association knowingly to:
- (1) Transfer or cause to be transferred any sounds recorded on a phonograph record, disc, wire, tape, film, or other article on which sounds are recorded onto any other phonograph record, disc, wire, tape, film, or article WITH THE INTENT TO SELL OR CAUSE TO BE SOLD FOR PROFIT OR USED TO PROMOTE THE SALE OF ANY PRODUCT, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CWNER OF THE ORIGINAL FIXATION OF SOUNDS EMBODIED IN THE MASTER RECORDING, FIIM, OR OTHER SUCH ARTICLE; or